

In the Claims:

Please amend pending Claims 11, 16-22 and 27-30, and cancel Claims 12-15 and 23-26, without prejudice, as shown in the Listing of Claims below, which is a complete listing of all Claims ever presented and replaces all prior versions, and listings, of the Claims in the instant Application.

Listing of Claims

1-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently amended) A cosmetic preparation comprising from 0.1-to-5%, by weight, based on the weight of the preparation, an amount of at least one glycyrrhetic antibacterial agent selected from glycyrrhetic acid, a glycyrrhetic acid zinc salt derivatives and extracts of *Glycyrrhiza glabra*, and their salts, effective to inhibit or prevent the growth of bacteria from 0.1-to-5%, by weight, based on the weight of the preparation, of benzoyl peroxide.

12-15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently amended) A cosmetic preparation according to claim Claim 11 containing at least one other antibacterial or antibiotic component selected from the group consisting of azelaic acid and derivatives thereof, salicylic acid, and derivatives thereof salicylic acid-N-alkylamides, benzoyl peroxide, hexachlorophene, dodecylbenzenesulfonic acid, 2,2',2'-nitritotriethanol salts, dexpanthenol, resorcinol, erythromycin, coal tar (ichthyol) and fine-particle sulfur and mixtures of two or more thereof.

17. (Currently amended) A cosmetic preparation according to claim Claim 16, wherein the at least one other antibacterial or antibiotic component is present in quantities of 0.1 to 5%, by weight, based on the weight of the preparation.

18. (Currently amended) A cosmetic preparation according to claim Claim 16, wherein the amount of ~~the at least one~~ glycyrrhetic acid zinc salt antibacterial agent, ~~on the one hand,~~ and the at least one other antibacterial or antibiotic component, ~~on the other hand,~~ are present in a ratio, by weight, of 10:90 to 90:10.

19. (Currently amended) A cosmetic preparation according to claim Claim 16, wherein the ~~at least one~~ glycyrrhetic acid zinc salt, benzoyl peroxide, antibacterial agent and, optionally, the at least one other antibacterial or antibiotic component are in microencapsulated form.

20. (Currently amended) A composition for treating or preventing acne comprising a cosmetic preparation according to ~~claim 42~~ Claim 11.

21. (Currently amended) A composition for treating or preventing acne comprising a cosmetic preparation according to claim Claim 16.

22. (Currently amended) A method for treating or preventing acne~~[[,]]~~ comprising administering to a person in need thereof a cosmetic preparation comprising from 0.1- to 5%, by weight, based on the weight of the preparation, an amount of at least one glycyrrhetic antibacterial agent selected from glycyrrhetic acid, a glycyrrhetic acid zinc salt derivatives and from 0.1- to 5%, by weight, based on the weight of the preparation, extracts of benzoyl peroxide Glycyrrhiza glabra, and their salts, effective to inhibit or prevent the growth of bacteria causing or exacerbating acne.

23-26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently amended) A method according to claim Claim 22, wherein the cosmetic preparation contains at least one other antibacterial or antibiotic components selected from the group consisting of azelaic acid and derivatives thereof, salicylic acid and ~~derivatives thereof~~, salicylic acid-N-alkylamides, benzoyl peroxide, hexachlorophene, dodecylbenzenesulfonic acid, 2,2',2'-nitritotriethanol salts, dexpanthenol, resorcinol, erythromycin, coal tar (ichthyol) and fine-particle sulfur and mixtures of two or more thereof.

28. (Currently amended) A method according to claim Claim 27, wherein the at least one other antibacterial or antibiotic component is present in quantities of 0.1 to 5% by weight, based on the weight of the preparation.

29. (Currently amended) A method according to claim Claim 28, wherein the amount of ~~at least one a~~ glycyrrhetic acid zinc salt antibacterial agent, ~~on the one hand~~, and the at least one other antibacterial or antibiotic component, ~~on the other hand~~, are present in a ratio, by weight, of 10:90 to 90:10.

30. (Currently amended) A method according to claim Claim 27, wherein the ~~at least one~~ glycyrrhetic acid zinc salt, benzoyl peroxide, ~~antibacterial agent~~ and, optionally, the at least one other antibacterial or antibiotic component comprising the cosmetic preparation are in microencapsulated form.